CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) (a) and (b) Steps are being taken to work out a plan of action for the celebration of the International Literacy Year (ILY) in 1990. For this purpose a National Coordination Committee on International Literacy Year has been constituted. The Committee has already met once on 20th July, 1988.

Whole salers of NCERT books

4156. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT issues its books to a few whole sale dealers only and not to the retail book sellers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for creating such monopoly and what steps have been taken to ensure that the wholesale dealers abide by the prescribed conditions; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to encourage educated unemployed youngsters to take up the retail sale of NCERT books by issuing the same to them directly, without bring wholesale dealers into the picture in the form of middlemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) NCERT sells its publications in the Union Territory of Delhi through 14 Wholesale Distribution agents. The sale in the rest of the country is handled by eight Sales Emporia of the Publication Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting situated at New Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Patna, Lucknow, Hyderabad and Trivandrum. The Wholesale Distributors as well as the Publication Division sell these publications through retailers; sale and distribution of books through Wholesalers is an established practice in the book trade.

(c) No, Sir.

Vacant posts of senior administrative officer in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

4157. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of post of Senior Administrative Officers, Kendriya Vidalaya Sangathan, New Delhi, lying vacant at present;

(b) whether these are likely to be filled up, by departmental promotion or by direct recruitment; and

(c) if so, by when it is propose to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Nil.

(a) and (c) Do not arise.

Literacy rate in the country

4158. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present literacy rate in the country for the population as a whole, and separately for males and females;

(b) whether the female literacy rate is still very low, particularly in some States even after 40 years after independence; and

(c) what steps are being taken or proposed to be taken to reduce female illiteracy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) & (b) A Statement showing the All India and State-wise literacy rate for male and female as per the 1981 Census is attached (*See* below).

(c) The following steps have been taken for improving the female literacy position in the country:

(i) Mobilisation of women adult learners for the Adult Education Centres in large number;

(ii) Appointment of large number of women instructors even by relaxing the minimum qualifications;

(iii) Making arrangement for continuing education of such instructors so that they are equipped as good and competent instructors;

(iv) Substantial women's participation under the Mass Programme of Functional Literacy;

(v) Sizeable participation of women adult learners in Vocational and Technical Education;

(vi) Induction of women on a large scale in Mission Management;

(vii) Involvement of large number of voluntary agencies, especially Voluntary Agencies working for women;

(viii) More attention by Shramik Vidyapeeth to women workers;

(ix) Special orientation and training of women instructors as effective agents of promoting women's equality and empowerment;

(x) Designing an Adult Education Programme for women which will be linked with imparting need-based skills, upgradation of their existing skills and new income generating activities;

(xi) Creation and provision of opportunities for retention of literacy skills and application of this learning for improving their living conditions;

(xii) Setting up of cells in the State Directorate of Adult Education and State Resources Centres to plan and administer women's programme and encouraging their participation in condensed course being organised by the Central Social Welfare Board.

Statement

S. No.	State/Union Territory	Total Population		
		Person	Male	Female
1	2	3	4	5
1	Arunachal Pradesh	20 79	28 94	11.32
2	Andhra Pradesh	29 94	39 26	20.39
3	Bihar	26 20	38 11	13.62
4	Gujarat	43.70	54 44	32 30
5	Haryana	36.14	48 20	22 27
6	Himachal Pradesh	42 48	53 19	31 46
7	Jammu & Kashmir	26 67	36 29	15 88
8	Karnataka	38.46	48 81	27 71
9	Kerala	70 42	75 26	65 73
10	Mizoram	59 88	64 46	54 91
11	Madhya Pradesh	27 87	39 49	15 53
12	Maharashtra	47 18	58 79	34 79
13	Manipur	41 35	53 29	29.06

1	2	3	4	5
14	Meghalaya	34.08	37.89	30.08
15	Nagaland	42.57	50 06	33.89
16	Orissa	34 23	47.10	21.12
17	Punjab	40 86	47.16	33.69
18	Rajasthan	24 38	36.30	11.42
19	Sikkim	34.05	43.95	22 20
20	Tamil Nadu	46 76	58 26	34.99
21	Tripura	42.12	51.70	32.00
22	Uttar Pradesh	27 16	38.76	14.04
23	West Bengal	40.94	50.67	30.25
UNION TERRITORIES				
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	51.56	58.72	42.14
2	Chandigarh	64.79	69.00	59.31
3	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	26.67	36 32	16 78
4	Delhi	61.54	68.40	53.07
5	Goa*, Daman & Diu.	56.66	65.59	47.56
6	Lakshadweep	55.07	65.24	44.65
7	Pondicherry	55.85	65 84	45.71
	INDIA@	36.23	46.89	24.82

@Excludes Assam where census could not be held owing to disturbed conditions prevaling there at the time of 1981 censes.

*Goa has since become a State.

£Excludes the population of area under unlawful occupation of Pakistan and China where census could not be taken.

Ratio in the strength of doctors and nurses in Hospitals and health Service Institutions

4159. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what ratio is required to be maintained in the strength of doctors and nurses in hospitals and other health service institution;

(b) whether that ratio is being maintained and what is the overall position in the country in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken or are proposed to be taken to increase the strength of nurses in hospitals and other health service Institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) There is no ratio fixed for the strength of doctors and nurses. The requirement of the hospital/Health Service Institutions is based on the strength and the specialised nature of the service provided by them. However, the desired ratio of doctors and Nurses/Auxiliary Nurse Midwife as per Mudaliar Committee's recommendation is 5:7.